

Middleton, Tisdale attend Commissioners' tour

FRANKFORT, KY — MSWCC Natural Resource Specialists Lance Middleton and Robin Tisdale participated in the Commissioner's tour on Oct 16-19, 2019, traveling with the group on Oct. 17 to tour Eckert's Boyd Orchard, a Tobacco/Hemp Farm, Equus Run Vineyards, and Buffalo Trace Distillery.

On Friday the group traveled to Keeneland Horse Track for a stable tour; had lunch at the Phoenix Room; and toured the racetrack, grounds and grandstand.

Fifty-three commissioners

and others from the South and Central MACD counties attended the tour.

The tour was organized by Suzette Jetton of Hancock County SWCD, and Lance Middleton of MSWCC.

PHOTOS BY ROBIN TISDALE



Participants tour Eckert's Boyd Orchard.



A stop on the Commissioners' Tour in Kentucky included a visit to a Tobacco/Hemp farm.

MSWCC staffers present Soil Tunnel at Farmtastic

LIBERTY, MS — More than 1,377 students from seven counties attended Amite County's Farmtastic exhibition, held Nov. 5-8, 2019, at Ethel Vance Park in Liberty. Presenters from MSWCC included Natural Resource Specialists Carlee Goode and Lauren Wilson, and Lee Smith, Environmental Administrator I.

MSWCC exhibited the commission's soil tunnel, a 16-foot high inflatable exhibit topped by a tree that shows students, by using images and text, the "World Below the Tree Roots." Goode, Wilson and Smith were on hand to answer students' questions about the underground world. Farmtastic is the largest annual conservation event for Amite County.



Students check out MSWCC's Soil Tunnel. Photo by Gail Causey

MACD State contest winners announced

JACKSON, MS — Youth and adults from counties including Chickasaw, Coahoma, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson Davis, Lamar, Lowndes, Monroe, Pike and Tate were selected as winners of MACD contests in the State, with all entries from the photo contest and five winners from the poster contest continuing to the national competition. Those continuing to the NACD National competition are indicated with an asterisk (*).

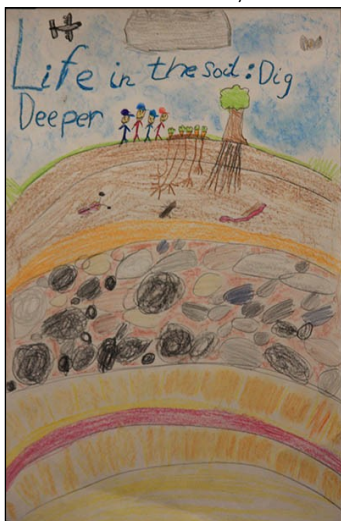
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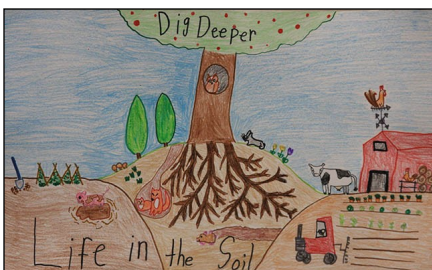
POSTER CONTEST



Shamiyah Doss (Special Education),
Lowndes County



*Wyatt Wills (K-1), Coahoma County



*Quinn Julianna Burns (Grades 2-3)
Harrison County

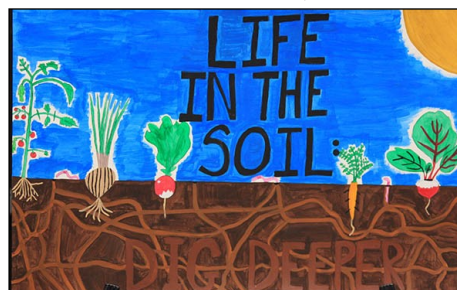
Clara Bilbo, Coordinator. *Nominated by Lamar County.*



*Sarah Neely Grantham (Grades 4-6)
Tate County



*Caleb O. Roberson (Grades 7-8)
Monroe County



*Sandra Ling Chow (Grades 9-10)
Coahoma County

YOUTH PHOTO CONTEST



*Hanna Hood, "On the Rocks"
Conservation Practices
Holmes County

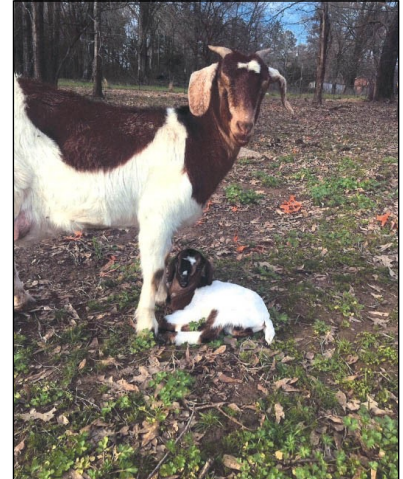
ESSAY CONTEST

Nathan Parker (Grades 7-8), Pike County.

Payne Graves (Grades 9-10), Chickasaw County.

Kirsten Cooper (Grades 11-12), Monroe County.

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*Hanna Hood, "Baaa to the Bone"
Ag/Conservation Across America
Holmes County



*Colton Howell, "Water pH"
Conservation in Action
Holmes County



*Olivia Howell, "Corn"
Close-Up Conservation
Holmes County

Adult contest photos headed to National event



*Hallie M. Rutledge,
"Murtagh Flying Service"
Ag/Conservation Across America
Holmes County SWCD



*Sandra Warren, "Smiling Back at the Sun"
Close-Up Conservation
Jefferson Davis County SWCD



*Nikki Powell, "Dinner Time!"
Conservation In Action
Holmes County (HCSW Earth Team)



*Brad Cain, "Let it Rain!"
Conservation Practices
Holmes County (NRCS employee)

Time draws near to get your MACD Drawdown Tickets!

It's that time of the year to show your support for Mississippi Association of Conservation Districts Endowment Fund Scholarships.

The 2020 Drawdown is for \$5,000, and only 500 tickets for \$50 each will be sold, giving you a 1-in-500 opportunity to win.

The Drawdown begins at 6:30 PM Wed., Jan. 22, 2020, at the 2020 MACD Annual Meeting at the Hilton-Jackson. You do not

need to be present to win. Tickets can be purchased from your conservation district county office or from MACD Secretary/Treasurer Hope Daley. For more info, email hrgd1984@yahoo.com or call 601-325-8599.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MACD ANNUAL MEETING: Jan. 22-23, 2020, Jackson-Hilton, Jackson, MS. For information visit www.macdweb.org

NACD 74th ANNUAL MEETING:

Feb. 8-12, 2020, Las Vegas. For more information, please visit NACD's *Annual Meeting* webpage.

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